

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 981.](#)

By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Abrams of the 89th, Gardner of the 57th, Kaiser of the 59th, Thomas of the 56th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions, so as to allow certain for profit corporations to participate in the indirect ownership of a home for the mentally disabled for primarily financing purposes; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 983.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise taxes on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 984.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 985.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 986.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxation of intangibles, so as to change certain provisions regarding the real estate transfer tax; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 987.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 988.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to change certain provisions regarding definitions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 989.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 990.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 991.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 992.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 993.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cigar and cigarette taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 994.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel and road taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 995.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax sales, so as to change certain provisions regarding procedures for sales under tax levies and executions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 996.](#)

By Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Maxwell of the 17th, Battles of the 15th, Harrell of the 106th, Shaw of the 176th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to allow cash payments for regulated metal property subject to certain limitations and requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 997.](#)

By Representatives Duncan of the 26th, Buckner of the 137th, Battles of the 15th, Harrell of the 106th, Williamson of the 115th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, composition, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to delete an income tax deduction for certain physicians serving as community based faculty physicians; to create a new income tax credit for taxpayers who are licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, or physician assistants who provide uncompensated preceptorship training to medical students, advanced practice registered nurse students, or physician assistant students for certain periods of time; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 998.](#)

By Representatives Duncan of the 26th, Teasley of the 37th, Raffensperger of the 50th, Harrell of the 106th, Williamson of the 115th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use tax, so as to create a

new exemption for temporary storage of certain materials; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 999.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cooper of the 43rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th, and Clark of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-5-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing and inspection of child welfare agencies, so as to require child welfare agencies licensed in other states to also be licensed in Georgia to engage in placement activities in Georgia; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 1000.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Harden of the 148th, Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide for an annual independent audit of pharmacy benefits managers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 1001.](#)

By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Douglas of the 78th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Stephens of the 164th, and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 and Part 5 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pawnbrokers and liens by pawnbrokers, factors, bailees, acceptors, and depositories, respectively, so as to provide for installment pawn transactions with a fixed term for such transactions involving the pledge of a motor vehicle or a motor vehicle certificate of title as security; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations for such pawn transactions; to provide for a definition; to provide for permitted charges, term length, and prepayment of such pawn transactions; to provide for acceleration of such pawn transactions and permitted grace periods; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 1002.](#)

By Representatives Fludd of the 64th and Jones of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the electors of the City of College Park regarding airport noise issues; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1003.](#)

By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Evans of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Dollar of the 45th, Parsons of the 44th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, approved February 21, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 497), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the membership and terms of office of members of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1004.](#)

By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Weldon of the 3rd, Powell of the 32nd, Maxwell of the 17th, and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15 and 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts and property, respectively, so as to provide requirements for maps, plats, and plans to be filed for record; to provide for filing of electronic images of maps, plats, and plans; to provide for delivery of plats to the clerk of superior court; to change certain provisions relating to recordation and notations of plats; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1006.](#)

By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Cooper of the 43rd, Hightower of the 68th, LaRiccia of the 169th, Casas of the 107th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 17 of Title 2 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia State Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)," so as to require additional information regarding participants for annual reports related to the program; to amend Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., the "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act," so as to revise the duration of temporary assistance for needy families; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to lottery for education, so as to provide for monthly reports to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Human Services and the confidentiality of same; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

[HB 1007.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pelham; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and property of the city; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1008.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Cooper of the 43rd, Evans of the 42nd, Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3695), an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3723), an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4267), and an Act

approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4063), so as to change the salary of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County; to change the salary of the chief assistant solicitor of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1009.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Cooper of the 43rd, Evans of the 42nd, Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of tax commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3725) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4046), so as to change the compensation of certain employees of such office; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1010.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Cooper of the 43rd, Evans of the 42nd, Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Cobb County, approved June 19, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 2075), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3691) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4048), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the chairperson and the other commissioners of the board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1011.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Cooper of the 43rd, Evans of the 42nd, Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3702), an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4150), an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4269), and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4281), so as to change the compensation of the chief deputy, the assistant chief deputy, and the executive assistant to the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1012.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Cooper of the 43rd, Evans of the 42nd, Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4104), an Act

approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4269), and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4284), so as to change the salary of the clerk of the superior court, the deputy clerk, the executive assistant, and the executive secretary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1013.](#)

By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Casas of the 107th, Stovall of the 74th, Chandler of the 105th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to extensively revise the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program; to revise definitions; to require a signed agreement by parents; to extend the uses for which scholarship funds may be used; to revise requirements for eligibility and participation; to transfer administration of the scholarship program from the Department of Education to the Office of Student Achievement; to revise provisions relating to scholarship funds; to revise the components of an annual report on the program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1014.](#)

By Representatives Powell of the 171st and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to extend the sunset date of the existing exemption for donation of real property for conservation use; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1015.](#)

By Representatives Dollar of the 45th and Ramsey of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide for a new income tax exemption for qualified music festivals; to provide a short title; to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1016.](#)

By Representative Bennett of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ethics in government, so as to prohibit the mailing of any literature in connection with any political campaign for any public office which clearly advocates the election or defeat of a specific candidate unless such literature bears the name of the person or organization

mailing such literature if the mailing is done in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's campaign committee, or their agents, or a political party or body or its agents; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1017.](#)

By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Willard of the 51st, Oliver of the 82nd, Powell of the 171st, Mabra of the 63rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," so as to change provisions relating to general provisions governing discovery; to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for conforming cross-references to include the production of electronically stored information; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[*HB 1030.](#)

By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Houston of the 170th, England of the 116th, Corbett of the 174th, and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Seed Development Commission, so as to change certain provisions relating to the Georgia Seed Development Commission and its membership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HR 1341.](#)

By Representative Smith of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Professional Employer Organizations; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1342.](#)

By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Mabra of the 63rd, Strickland of the 111th, Belton of the 112th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and others:

A RESOLUTION requesting more recess time for school children; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HR 1343.](#)

By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th, Cooke of the 18th, Holmes of the 129th, Shaw of the 176th, and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw the proposed Waters of the United States Clean Water Plan rule; supporting the comments submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency by thousands of landowners, numerous trade associations, and the Georgia Environmental Protection

Division; supporting the leadership and actions of Georgia's Governor and Attorney General in opposing the Clean Water Plan rule; and encouraging the support of actions by Congress to enact legislation delaying implementation of the final Clean Water Plan rule until certain criteria are met; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[HR 1345.](#)

By Representatives Caldwell of the 20th, Stephens of the 164th, Harrell of the 106th, Cooke of the 18th, Martin of the 49th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Georgia Craft Brewery and Distillery Competitiveness; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1362.](#)

By Representatives Price of the 48th, Martin of the 49th, Willard of the 51st, and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources to study the effects of exposure to crumb rubber surfaces on human health; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[HR 1363.](#)

By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Oliver of the 82nd, Weldon of the 3rd, Bennett of the 80th, Stephenson of the 90th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Special Study Committee on Judicial Qualifications Commission Reform; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES